



DEVELOPMENTS IN CHINESE SITUATION.

No More Troops Will be Sent to the Flowery Kingdom.

THREE THOUSAND FOR MANILA

Washington Officials Have Concluded That General Chaffee Has All the Soldiers He Needs—Another Conference at the White House—United States Leads in Declaration That There Will be No Tempering Negotiations—Germany Has Expressed Her Approval.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.) Washington, Aug. 23.—The important development in the Chinese situation to-day was the decision of the Government not to send any more troops to China. All the troops now at sea, amounting to 4,000, together with those under orders for service in the far East, which have not sailed, amount to about 3,000. More will be sent to Manila. These troops will sail on the same route, and upon touching at Nagasaki, will go on to Manila, unless there are developments in China, not now expected, which would make their presence in that country necessary. Secretary Root said today that no more troops were being sent to China, because they were not needed. With the arrival at Taku of the Hancock, and the troops she carried, General Chaffee will have 5,000 available men, which is deemed sufficient for all present purposes. The decision of the Department was not based upon any arrangement made by General Chaffee, but upon reports received by him, which made it apparent that no more troops were needed.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN.
The announcement of the diversion of the troops was made in the following official bulletin, which was posted at the War Department this evening: "The Government has decided that unless required by future developments no more troops are to be sent to China. Orders have accordingly been issued to Nagasaki for the fleet which is due there to-day, with four troops. Three cavalry, four companies Fifteenth Infantry and Company E, Battalion of Engineers, to proceed direct to Manila. Similar orders will be given to other troops, which are under orders for China via Nagasaki."

REASON FOR THE ORDERS.
It was stated at the Department that the encouraging condition in China was the main reason of the orders of to-day regarding the troops, were issued. The troops on the coast, which are now at sea the Warren, with two squadrons of the Ninth Cavalry and recruits; the Sherman, with one battalion of the Second, Fifth and Eighth Infantry, and the Tilden, scheduled to sail on September 1, with two battalions of the First and one battalion of the Second Infantry. It was said at the Department that six or seven thousand troops would be affected by the order.

CHAFFEE WILL CO-OPERATE.
A dispatch was received from General Chaffee to-day, dated Pekin, August 18, which was not in response to the requisition sent him a few days ago to report the Chinese troops and requirements. General Chaffee did not report further fighting in Pekin, and for that reason the Washington officials feel assured that hostile demonstration in the Chinese capital has ceased. The dispatch related largely to transportation conditions and stated that the railroad between Taku and Pekin could not be used at the present time, as portions of it had been destroyed by the Chinese. General Chaffee will co-operate with the other commanders in China in reconstructing the road for the use of the allied forces. General Chaffee also reported that the telegraph line, which was constructed by the signal corps from Tsin Tsin to Pekin, is frequently interrupted, being cut probably by hostile Chinese.

ANOTHER WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE.
At a conference at the White House to-day, in which the President, Secretary Root and Acting Secretary Adee participated, careful instructions were prepared for Mr. Rockhill, the United States minister in London, to be forwarded at once to him for his guidance. The State Department received a dispatch from Mr. Rockhill to-day, dated at Yokohama, which announced that he had there. This brought about the White House conference, and the preparation of instructions. Before Mr. Rockhill left he was advised very fully on the purpose of this government, but since his departure the situation has changed. It is at Pekin as to make it desirable to supplement the instructions he already had received. Mr. Adee stated that as the instructions related to pending affairs it would be inexpedient to make public anything in reference to them.

EARL LIT'S REQUEST.
Washington, Aug. 23.—The State Department made public the following correspondence: "Cablegram dated August 19 from Viceroy Li Hung Chang, was transmitted by the Chinese minister in London, and received by Minister Wu on the night of the same day."

"It was the desire of all the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the great Powers that the expedition of the allied troops was solely for the rescue of the ministers in Pekin. Now, the allied troops have entered Pekin and the situation is such that it seems proper that hostilities should at once cease and that negotiations should commence. It therefore requests the United States government to appoint an envoy with full powers, or the appointment of the minister now in Pekin for the purpose, as he is necessarily acquainted with the affairs between the Chinese and the foreigners, to inform me if the conference will take place in Pekin. After the receipt of a definite reply I will at once proceed to the north. Please request the Secretary of State to lay the matter before his Excellency, the President. I await reply."

WANTS ALLIES WITHDRAWN.
Cablegram from Viceroy Li Hung Chang, dated August 21, 1900, and re-

ceived by Minister Wu on the same day: "The Boxer rebels in Pekin having been dispersed there will be positively no more fighting. Further military operation on the part of the Powers are greatly to be deplored. Besides urging cessation of hostilities, please confer with Secretary of State upon and appointment of plenipotentiaries to negotiate settlement of all other questions, so as to preserve amicable relations. I await early reply."

THE RESPONSE.
Memorandum in response to the Chinese Ministers' communication of cablegrams from Viceroy Li Hung Chang, dated August 19 and 21, proposing the immediate cessation of hostilities and the appointment of an envoy to conduct negotiations, received at the Department of State August 20 and 21, 1900:

"While the condition set forth in the memorandum delivered to the Chinese Minister August 13 has not been fulfilled, and the Powers have been compelled to rescue their ministers by force of arms, unaided by the Chinese Government, still this government is ready to welcome any overtures for a truce, and invite the Powers to join, when established in the Chinese Capital and the Chinese Government shows its ability and willingness to make on its part an effective suspension of hostilities there and elsewhere in China. When this is done—and we believe it will be done promptly—the United States will be prepared to appoint a representative to join with the representatives of other similarly interested Powers and of the authoritative and responsible Government of the Chinese Empire to attain the ends declared in our circular to the Powers of July 3, 1900."

"ALVEY A. ADEE, Secretary, Department of State, Washington, D. C., Aug. 22, 1900."

ALMOST CLEARED OF THE ENEMY.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Japanese legation to-day received the following advice from the foreign office at Tokio, dated August 23: "The commander of the Japanese fleet at Taku transmitted by telegraph on the 21st the following report from Pekin: 'The Japanese regiment, which had been detailed early on the 15th for the purpose of protecting the imperial palace, had hard fighting all day, but they could not bring it to a decisive issue as they refrained from firing on the palace. On the following day, however, they took its principal gate, and now the city is almost entirely cleared of the enemy.'"

"The Imperial family and the ministers of State left for Sian five or six days ago, escorted by 3,000 troops under Tung Fuh Shiang."

RESTORATION OF ORDER.
"With the object of restoring order the city has been divided into districts, Japan being assigned the northern half, and Japan, the United States and Great Britain, Russia and France have each deputed an officer to carry on the administration."

"Prince Tuan's residence has been burnt down by the Japanese. The Japanese naval detachment, which guarded the Japanese legation, lost during the siege five killed and eight wounded."

"The Japanese forces which occupy the imperial palace have rescued foreign and native Christians from their confinement."

WARSHIPS AT SHANGHAI.
New York, Aug. 23.—Secretary to beginning an investigation into the real cause of the race riot in New York last week, the grand jury has asked the Police Board for the official report of Chief of Police Devery on the trouble. In all twenty-seven warships have been ordered to Shanghai and Vice Consul, their crews numbering about 7,000 men. The German Government's reply to Li Hung Chang's peace communications is that "owing to the lack of any properly accredited authority on the Chinese side" the German Government cannot enter into negotiations."

AN UPRISING QUELLED.
Paris, Aug. 23.—The French consul at Han Kow wires that an attempt at an uprising occurred during the night of August 21. A band of Chinese tried to set fire to a house adjoining the Customs Bank, which is adjacent to the British concession, with the object of pillaging the bank and burning the European quarter. The Viceroy, however, took immediate steps and arrested the ringleaders, seizing at the same time arms and documents demonstrating the existence of a secret society and an organized plot. Two of the leading culprits were decapitated, their heads being subsequently exhibited in the center of the Chinese town. Twenty others were imprisoned. More trouble is feared when the flight of the Emperor to the west, if true, becomes known."

THE AKRON RIOT.
A TERRIBLE SCENE OF DESOLATION AND LAWLESSNESS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Akron, Ohio, Aug. 23.—When day dawned in Akron Thursday morning it revealed a scene of desolation and the evidence of violence and lawlessness unrivaled in the history of this city. The rioters had done their work and had dispersed. One child was lying dead in death and nearly a score of people were suffering from the wounds of pistol balls, buckshot and missiles.

The city building was a heap of smoldering ruins and beside it steam-heated water soaked ash in Hall. At 6 o'clock the crowds began to increase as the curious spectators hurried to the scene of the trouble. A policeman appeared and then another, but the situation was so bad that the police could do nothing. Then Company C, of Canton, a detachment of the Gallant Eighth Ohio Regiment, marched down the street from the train and halted before the ruins of the building, and were set to work patrolling the fire lines.

There was no evidence of ill will or disgust on the part of the crowds at the lines. There was no talk of violence. The turbulent element had been restored, after an awful night of terror and anarchy. At 6:30 this morning Company C, Eighth Regiment, of Canton, under command of Captain A. Fisher, arrived in Akron under riot orders.

The soldiers were met at the Valley depot by Mayor Young and a party of

SECOND NOTICE OF NOMINATION.

W. Jennings Bryan, the Populist Candidate for the Presidency.

THE NOTIFICATION MEETING.

At Topeka, Kansas, Yesterday He Was Officially Notified of His Nomination by the National Populist Party, and Accepted in a Speech in Which He Ably Discussed the Issues the People Will Pass Upon at the Polls in November—Features of the Meeting.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.) Topeka, Kan., Aug. 23.—Wm. Jennings Bryan to-day received the second official notification of his nomination for the Presidency. This notification came from the Populist party, and Thomas M. Patterson, of Colorado, acted as the mouth-piece of the party in making it. Mr. Bryan was at the same time informed of the endorsement of his candidacy by the United States Monetary League, this notification being given by A. W. Wrucker. The ceremonies occurred in the spacious and beautiful grounds of the State Capitol and were witnessed by a large number of people.

In many respects the meeting paralleled the Indianapolis notification. This was true in the fact that both were held in parks; in that the weather was intensely hot and that the impatience of the crowd compelled the speakers preceding Mr. Bryan to curtail their remarks. Indeed, not one of the speakers was permitted to speak at the length he had counted upon, and as a result the entire proceeding covered only about an hour and a half.

MR. BRYAN GREETED.
An audible sigh of relief from the sweltering crowd mingled with the applause which greeted the appearance of the national leader upon the platform when he arrived at 3:30, and it was evident even then that while there was a general desire to hear and see him, the audience was finding the situation too uncomfortable to be long endured.

WELCOMED BY A REPUBLICAN.
There was little delay after the arrival of Mr. Bryan and other notables. State Chairman Ridgely, of the Populist party, promptly assumed the

chair, and he immediately introduced James A. Troutman, who, as the representative of the mayor of this city, Bryan to Topeka. Mr. Troutman was formerly Lieutenant Governor of the State, and he is a Republican in politics. His speech was personally complimentary to Mr. Bryan, and was further an appeal for the exercise of the franchise by all good and intelligent citizens as the best safeguard of our institutions. He referred to the "vast throng of people" before him as an evidence of high regard in which the subject of expansion, taking the position that the Republicans were looking to undue aggression, while the Democrats were seeking to secure the maintenance of American institutions. He was liberally cheered.

JERRY SIMPSON SPEAKS.
Mr. Troutman was followed by Frank Foster, Chief Justice of the State, who extended the welcome of the State at large. Judge Foster contented himself with contrasting the positions of the Democrats and Republicans on the subject of expansion, taking the position that the Republicans were looking to undue aggression, while the Democrats were seeking to secure the maintenance of American institutions. He was liberally cheered.

MR. BRYAN INTRODUCED.
When Mr. Rucker took his seat Mr. Simpson introduced Mr. Bryan, who was received with a burst of applause. Mr. Bryan read the greater part of his address from manuscript, and the delivery consumed about forty minutes. When he ceased speaking those present were invited to shake hands with him, and many availed themselves of this opportunity to formally greet him. Before beginning his address proper Mr. Bryan took occasion to reply to Mr. Troutman's welcoming remarks. This he did extemporaneously and as follows:

NON-PARTISAN WELCOME.
"I desire in the beginning to thank the authorities of this State and city for the non-partisan welcome which has been delivered through Mr. Troutman. I appreciate that liberty of thought, that generosity to the frequent in politics, that enables political opponents to thus tender the freedom of the city to whom they do not agree on political questions. I am grateful for the kind words which were spoken and appreciate the admiration mentioned, even though that admiration does not count as much on election day as a simple ballot." (Applause.)

A HIGHER PLANE.
"I hope that as the years go by we shall be able to lift politics to a higher and brighter plane, so that we can fight out these great questions as citizens, equally earnest and equally honest, each other respecting the other's rights. I thank the State administration and the city administration for this courteous and cordial welcome."

He then began the reading of the address as originally prepared, only stopping to interject a few words in reply to the notification of Judge Rucker.

EXPLANATORY.
"And let me pause to say that when this speech was prepared and given to the press I did not know that formal announcement of the resolutions passed by the Monetary League would be made at this time and I dare hope to express my gratitude to the members of that League for the support which they promise and for the cordial commendation which their resolutions speak. The Monetary League has spread before the people information to the distribution of literature connected with the money question aimed at the en-

H. L. MAYNARD FOR CONGRESS.

The Second District Congressional Convention Yesterday.

ON THE SIXTIETH BALLOT.

Organization Perfected and the Usual Committees Appointed—The Kirm Hall Delegation From Brambleton Ward, Norfolk, Seated—Many Ballots Were Had and at Times Confusion Prevailed Among the Delegates—Motions to Adjourn, and Change the Rules Defeated.

(By a Staff Correspondent.) Newport News, Va., Aug. 23.—The Second District Democratic Convention met in Newport News yesterday. The meeting has been the subject of intense political interest here for six or eight weeks; hence nearly all of the delegates of Norfolk were at the Roanoke dock early yesterday morning, so that the two tugs, J. Alvah Clark and Richwood, started promptly with the delegates and a representative of the Virginian-Pilot at 8:10 o'clock, arriving in Newport News about 9 o'clock.

The first business of the day was a meeting of the delegates of Norfolk, whose seats were not contested. Of these there were 27.

They met in a private room of the Hotel Warwick, and organized, with Mr. James V. Trehy as chairman and Mr. T. J. Randolph as secretary. After some informal discussion, during which it was evident that the delegates intended to support Hon. W. A. Young's candidacy for Congress, motions were introduced and carried that Mr. Young being the most interested person, should have the choice of the members of the Committees on Credentials, on Resolutions and on Permanent Organization, and that there be no Steering Committee appointed.

The next event was the meeting of the District Committee. The only work of that committee was the selection of temporary chairman, Dr. J. E. Bryant, of Southampton county, and Mr. E. N. Poulson, of Norfolk.

After that there was nothing to do till noon. But the politicians were not idle. First there were the four candidates, Messrs. Young, Maynard, Tyler and Brownley, who were marshaling

for dinner at 1 o'clock and reassembled at 3 p. m., and after a number of speeches, Dr. Geo. W. Butts, of Nansemond, was reported by the committee on organization as permanent chairman. Mr. C. H. Ruth, of Newport News, was selected and elected as permanent secretary.

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Mr. Wm. Shands moved that the members of the committees on credentials, resolutions and organization be selected. They were chosen as follows:

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.
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CREDENTIALS.
H. C. Skelton, Elizabeth City; T. J. Harrin, Isle of Wight; Dr. H. M. Stevenson, James City; F. M. Arthur, Nansemond; Geo. F. Lindsay, Norfolk county; Dr. C. T. Sneed, Princess Anne; J. P. Holland, Southampton; R. W. Shield, York county; W. B. Clarke, Surry county; I. H. Christian, Charles City county; C. H. Ruth, Newport News; J. W. Brown, Jr., Portsmouth; L. G. Tyler, Williamsburg; John G. Tilton, Norfolk city.

RESOLUTIONS.
F. W. Shield, Elizabeth City; F. Pierce, Isle of Wight; C. D. Marston, James City; J. L. McLeome, Nansemond; W. K. Wood, Norfolk county; H. H. Jones, Gloucester county; R. M. Edwards, Southampton county; T. T. Hudgins, York county; W. H. Pursell, Surry county; I. H. Christian, Charles City; J. A. Piper, Newport News; T. J. Wool, Portsmouth; L. G. Tyler, Williamsburg; M. Adelsdorf, Norfolk.

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LABOR DAY IN RICHMOND.

Great Interest in the Preparations For its Observance.

MANY INTERESTING EVENTS.

Return of Colored Leaders From the Anti-Constitutional Convention at Charlottesville, Which Was Held Behind Closed Doors—A Young Widow Painfully Injured—Heavy Rainfall—Damaged by an Explosion—In Military Circles—Missionary in China Heard From—Married.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., Aug. 24.—Preparations for the observance of Labor Day on September 2d have never occasioned so much interest as is the case this year, and it is estimated that thousands will take part in the great demonstration here. A large sum of money has been raised to be expended in prizes, and there will be a number of interesting events, including a shooting contest, which will bring together many crack marksmen. The enthusiasm is said to be due to the fact that almost every good laboring man in the State is now at work, and the majority of them are well satisfied with their present condition and prospects.

COLORED LEADERS RETURN.
The colored Republican leaders who attended the anti-constitutional convention at Charlottesville yesterday returned here this morning.

The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it is stated that a permanent organization was formed and an appeal drafted, which will be scattered broadcast over the State calling upon the voters not to ratify any changes to the constitution which do not give equal rights and privileges to both white and black.

YOUNG WIDOW INJURED.
Mrs. Mamie Farmer, a pretty young widow of this city, met with an exceedingly painful accident last night. While returning from a concert she was overtaken by a heavy shower of rain. Rushing into a nearby doorway for shelter, she fell fifteen feet to a cellar below.

She was later found unconscious, her collar bone broken, and her body a mass of bruises. She will probably recover.

HEAVY RAINFALL.
The rain here last night was one of the heaviest in the history of the city, the fall being nearly three inches in less than an hour. The tracks of the Chesapeake and Ohio were covered with water for a considerable distance, and some little damage was done to the roadbed. Reports from different sections show that the rain was not a general one.

DAMAGED BY AN EXPLOSION.
By an explosion of some gasoline, which a torch carried by an employee had fired, the store-room of the James River Construction Company was this afternoon damaged to the extent of \$5,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

IN MILITARY CIRCLES.
The activity of the military of Virginia is becoming pronounced. Next Wednesday the Washington Guards, Captain M. B. Rowe, will be mustered in at Fredericksburg.

The Huntington Rifles will be mustered in next Tuesday at Newport News.

The Governor has received a letter from Isle of Wight county asking permission to be allowed to raise a company there.

MISSIONARIES HEARD FROM.
The Baptist Foreign Mission Board here to-day received letters from a number of its missionaries in China. One from Dr. J. W. Jones, at Chingtau, under date of July 14th, describes the sufferings of the native Christians, many of whom, he says, have been caught and dragged by their queues, which are tied to the tails of their enemies' horses.

SOLDIERS IN CHINA.
Captain Charles F. Taylor received information this morning of the arrival of his son, Brevet-Captain Charles B. Taylor, at Taku, China, on Sunday. His command was sent immediately to the front.

Captain Taylor is attached to the Fifth Battalion Marines, under Major Randolph Dickens, one of the famous fighters in the army.

Major Dickens was sent on this important Chinese mission because of his familiarity with the Chinese language and customs. He has been in the service since 1876, and was with General Grant on his tour around the world. He is related to the Mayor of this city, and is himself a Virginian. He is well known in Richmond.

HON. E. C. FOLKES MARRIED.
Hon. E. C. Folkles, a prominent young attorney and a member of the House of Delegates from this city, was quietly married this morning at 3 o'clock to Miss Mary L. Catlett, one of Church Hill's fairest daughters, at the home of the latter, No. 760 North Twenty-eighth street.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Lee Churchfield, a friend and schoolmate of Mr. Folkles, and the attendants were Messrs. Minnie Folkles, brother of the groom, and Russell Bargamio, of this city.

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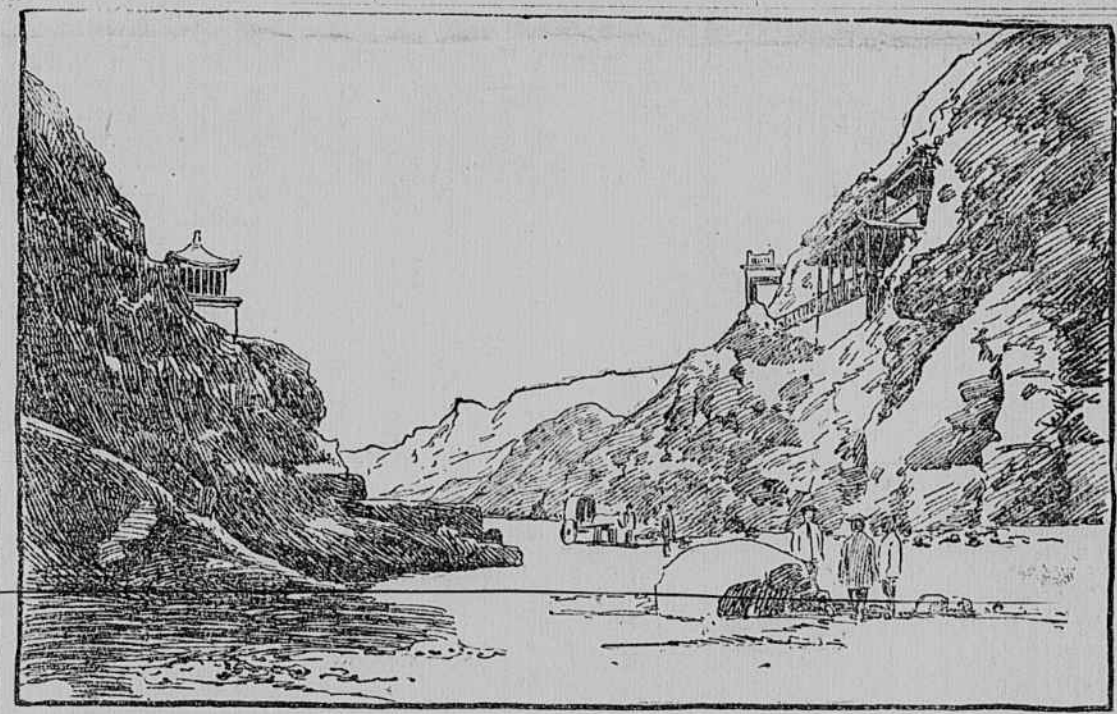
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GATEWAY TO THE HEART OF CHINA.
This is the mountain pass, about 30 miles to the west of Peking, through which it was reported the emperor and the bulk of the imperial troops escaped to the ancient capital of China.